



GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL MARCH 21, 2005 MINUTES

Mayor Charles Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance in unison, after which David Mark Owens, Chaplain at Johnson Memorial led in prayer.

PRESENT:	Council members Bruce Armstrong, Ron Bates, Bill Bless, Ron Deer, John Gibson, Keith Hardin, Jessie Reed; Mayor Henderson; Clerk-Treasurer Jeannine Myers and City Attorney Shawna Koons-Davis.
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At this point, the Mayor introduced Aaron Mayer of Scout Troop 564 who is working on a Merit Badge.

Mr. Bates moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of March 7th, with second by Mr. Bless. Vote: Ayes.

Jeff Peters of Reedy & Peters, LLC was invited to give a proposal describing the financial services they are able to provide for the City of Greenwood. Mr. Peters and Mr. Reedy are former DLGF regulators, who have for the last ten years been in public practice providing financial advisory, governmental accounting, budget consulting, and financial planning services for local governments throughout Indiana. Mr. Peters highlighted one component of their practice that he feels sets them apart from some others – they prepare a financial plan that looks at the history of the unit of government, where it is in the current budget cycle, and make projections for the future. He distributed a copy of the document prepared in the fall of 2003 and discussed this (copy in attachments of this meeting). Mr. Peters stressed that his firm reports the impact of the excess levy appeal and its affect on the typical taxpayer. Reedy & Peters also monitor the income tax as it is collected and distributed back to the County. This led to discussion of the formulas used by the firm.

The City Attorney had distributed her litigation report. There were no questions from the Council.

Mr. Bates reported for the Plan Commission that met last Monday. He also stressed the series of meetings being held on the Franklin College campus. The Planning Director encourages any Council members who can to attend. There is a training session for the Plan Commission next Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Valle Vista.

ORDINANCE No. 04-58 – An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Within the Area of Extended Jurisdiction of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, Placing the Same Within the Corporate Boundaries Thereof and Making the Same a part of the City of Greenwood and Redefining the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, Approximately 85.4 Acres Located Approximately ¼ Mile East of Honey Creek Road on the North Side of Cutsinger Road and East of Alden Place Subdivision (commonly known as the Bright Property). **POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 4, 2005 MEETING.**

ORDINANCE No. 05-06 – An Ordinance Providing For an Additional Appropriation From the General Fund to the Human Resources Department (\$3,750) For a Temporary Employee. Mr. Bless moved to pass Ordinance No. 05-06 through second reading. Second by Mr. Deer. Human Resources Director Carolyn Gaier discussed the need for a temporary employee during her coordinator's maternity leave, which could be twelve weeks. Vote: Ayes – Armstrong, Bates, Bless, Deer, Gibson; Nays – Hardin, Reed. **PASSED SECOND READING.**

RESOLUTION No. 05-02 – A Resolution Declaring a Certain Area Within the City of Greenwood an Economic Revitalization Area and Qualifying Certain Real Property Improvements For Property Tax Abatement and Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing Thereon (Greenwood Springs Mediplex, LLC – Lot 6, Block 4, Greenwood Springs Commercial Subdivision). Mr. Gibson moved to pass

Resolution No. 05-02 on second reading. Second by Mr. Hardin. Accountant Pat Sherman recounted that there was discussion at the last meeting about the number of employees and the salaries on the SB-1. He assured the Council that the owners of the building would be willing to represent that the average wage in the building would be at least at the average Johnson County wage. The President and the attorney for the Redevelopment Commission had addressed the issue. Ms. Koons-Davis proposed that the Council approve an amended SB-1. It needs to be part of the application, she stated, and the Council needs to be able to hold the company to it for compliance in the future. The City Attorney would forward the amended SB-1 to the Redevelopment Commission for consideration at their April 12th meeting. The salaries would be changed from \$10 an hour to \$12.78 an hour, noted the City Attorney. Mr. Armstrong moved to amend the SB-1 total salaries from \$900,000 to \$1,063,296 and leave the proposed number of employees the same. Second by Mr. Hardin. Vote: Ayes. **AMENDED.** Roll call on Resolution No. 05-02, as amended: Ayes – Bless, Deer, Gibson, Hardin, Reed, Bates; Nay – Armstrong. **PASSED** **SECOND READING.** The City Attorney's office will contact the Council when the amended Resolution is ready for signatures.

RESOLUTION No. 05-04 – A Resolution of the Greenwood Common Council to Amend Greenwood Common Council Resolution No. 01-17, "A Resolution Confirming Resolution No. 01-11 The Declaration of a Certain Area Within the City of Greenwood an Economic Revitalization Area and Qualifying Certain Property and Improvements for Tax Abatements (Precision Investments, LLC)" and 01-18 "A Resolution Confirming Resolution 01-12 The Declaration and Approval of Certain Manufacturing Equipment for Property Tax Abatement (Precision Products, Inc.)", to Correct Typographical Errors. Ms. Koons-Davis explained the necessary changes. **INTRODUCED.**

RESOLUTION No. 05-05 – A Resolution Regarding the Establishment of a Local Option Highway Users Tax for Johnson County, Indiana. Mayor Henderson told the Council that he was e-mailed this information by County Commissioner R.J. McConnell. The representative who was to appear had a conflict and could not appear. Mayor Henderson recalled a presentation by the County two or three years ago, trying to get the municipalities in Johnson County to agree that the highway users tax is needed to fix our roads and streets. **INTRODUCED.**

Under miscellaneous business, Mr. Hardin recalled that the Economic Development Commission was bringing business leaders to make presentations at the beginning of Council meetings. He said he would like to see that continue.

Mr. Armstrong described an e-mail from a constituent who lives in Central Park, which is across the street from the new Clark-Pleasant intermediate school, asking for streetlights to be installed on both Worthsville Road and Sheek Road. The Mayor said that per procedure, the electric company does a study of the area to show where the lights should be and gives a cost to the City.

In response to Mr. Gibson, the Mayor said he would follow up on the new City directory and give him an update. Several Council members noted that they had picked up their copies of the new directory. It is prepared.

Mr. Gibson suggested that we check into the ordinance applying to signs on utility poles to see what is advisable and what is not. It has been understood that there is a three-day limit, he said. Those with complaints should contact the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Hardin recounted again that the municipal management annual budget workshop will be May 11th and wanted to remind the Council that the registration deadline is April 28th. He asked that Council members let the clerk know as soon as possible. The fee is \$85 for IACT members. The Mayor commented that they would bill the City if someone learned they could attend at the last minute and were a walk-in.

Ms. Koons-Davis brought up the compliance issue for RBA, LLC. Mr. Deer moved to find them in substantial compliance. Second by Mr. Bates. Vote: Ayes. Motion carried.

Concerning the Sedgwick compliance, there was some discussion on the wages. Mr. Bless moved to find Sedgwick in substantial compliance. Second by Mr. Bates. Vote: Ayes. Motion carried.

Relating to Nachi Technologies compliance, counsel noted that although they have not expanded the number of employees, their salaries far exceed what they projected, even for fewer employees. They have met all the other projections. A compliance form for machinery and equipment will probably be filed around May of this year. This form is for real estate. There will be two compliance forms each year if

abatement is needed for real estate and for machinery and equipment, as the State has gone to a two-form system. Mr. Bates moved to find Nachi in substantial compliance. Second by Mr. Bless. Vote: Ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Koons-Davis next brought up her memo about the survey of Cities & Towns attendance policies and pay policies for board and commission members. Bloomington was the only community that the City Attorney found with any sort of attendance policy. Mr. Bates suggested this be discussed at the next Council meeting, after time to study the memo. Mr. Deer thought the discussion would be more complete if the Council had information on how big the attendance problem is. Mr. Bates replied that his original concern was accountability and mentioned that those that appoint the members have input. The Mayor said that Human Resources could look at the minutes for twelve months and make a chart of attendance. The delay in the Clerk-Treasurer's office getting payroll change notices was brought up, as well.

The City Attorney also asked the new Council members to double check that they received a copy of the Municipal Code.

Chief Information Officer Rick Jones discussed a spread sheet comparing new SBC telephone price to current pricing. After comparing different quotes, Mr. Jones told the Council that the best option seemed to be rolling all the telephone coverage into one package with SBC. Data line cost would increase, he noted, because the size of the data lines would be increased to overcome problems that we are having getting data back and forth. Total estimated savings per month would be \$1,165, or \$13,980 per year. Mr. Hardin also suggested checking into a decreased rate on data lines for the weekends.

Mr. Deer wondered about a fee for storm warnings. He thought either Martinsville or Mooresville might have this in effect.

Ms. Myers mentioned that she had also put a copy of Reedy & Peters proposal from last year in the Council packets. In response to Ms. Reed, Ms. Myers said that she used the services of H.J. Umbaugh last year, her first year, to get caught up and to get reconciled. Ms. Reed mentioned that Dan Eggerman has been very helpful, but Ms. Koons-Davis added that he will not make projections and be a financial consultant.

Mr. Hardin wondered if some of the generic reports that can be generated with the new GEMS software could be posted to the website. The Clerk-Treasurer mentioned that accounts are reconciled at the end of the month. Ms. Myers will look into the matter.

Mayor Henderson told the Council how much he and his wife appreciated their thoughtfulness, and the flowers and cards sent to them following the death of his mother-in-law. Donna was close to her mother, he said, and it meant a lot.

The July 4th Festival will now be called the Freedom Festival, said Mayor Henderson. The committee decided to keep the celebration the week before the holiday which seems to be popular with the public. There is a website as well and a link on the City's website. The dates will be June 24th and 25th this year.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.